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NOVEL METHOD FOR THE GENERATION AND

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining this application, please amend the application as

follows:

paragraph:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately below the title, please insert the following

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP00/06969, filed July 20, 2000.

Please delete the originally-filed Sequence Listing on page 1 following the abstract and replace with the substitute Sequence Listing page 1.

REMARKS

The Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to add a cross-reference to the application from which this application claims benefit.

Applicants have amended the Sequence Listing by (1) amending the Applicant field (<110>) to recite the names of the inventors; (2) amending the File Reference field (<130>) to refer to the current file reference number; and (3) adding a Prior Application Number (<150>) and Prior Application Filing Date (<151>) fields to add information regarding PCT/EP00/06969.

None of the amendments adds new matter. Their entry is requested.

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